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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed with the above-identified application November 26, 2001. The Information Disclosure Statement included form PTO-1449 which lists four (4) references, including CH688787 A. Each of the references listed on form PTO-1449 were cited in the search report during the international phase of the present national phase application. Under PCT procedures, copies of the cited publications are supplied to the U.S. Patent Office by the International Bureau and should be considered and made of record during the national phase of the application. However, through apparent oversight, the Examiner has not initial CH688787 A.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to return the initialed and dated copy of form PTO-1449 wherein all of the cited references are initialed in

accordance with prescribed procedures so that all of the publications listed on form PTO-1449 will appear on the face of the patent which issues from this application.

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